

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE MOGOLLON RIM COUNTRY, ARIZONA

LOCATION: The Mogollon (MUGGY-own) Rim is a steep southward-facing escarpment stretching across east-central Arizona. This guide covers the stretch from just north of Pine on east to Springerville. The western area will be within Coconino National Forest, while the eastern lies within Apache - Sitgreaves National Forest. This section includes the communities of Forest Lakes, Heber, Overgaard, Aripine, Clay Springs, Pinedale, Linden, Show Low, Pinetop/Lakeside, Greer, Eagar, and Springerville. Elevations vary, but the table characterizes conditions roughly 7,000 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:09	10:56	11:57	13:02	13:56	14:25	14:13	13:27	12:26	11:22	10:26	9:55
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:32	8:18	9:06	10:38	12:05	12:26	10:16	9:33	9:53	9:08	8:14	7:18
AREA OF BLUE SKY	50%	49%	48%	53%	59%	68%	49%	51%	63%	65%	59%	53%
LOW FOR MONTH	-5°	-1°	5°	16°	24°	33°	41°	40°	32°	19°	5°	-3°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	15°	19°	23°	29°	36°	45°	53°	51°	44°	33°	22°	17°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	46°	50°	55°	64°	73°	82°	84°	82°	78°	69°	57°	48°
HIGH FOR MONTH	59°	64°	66°	74°	86°	91°	92°	90°	87°	77°	68°	61°
FROSTY MORNINGS	93%	94%	86%	65%	32%	5%	0%	0%	6%	49%	87%	93%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	12%	19%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	57%	56%	46%	37%	29%	32%	56%	60%	50%	48%	51%	59%
DRY DAYS	84%	82%	84%	87%	91%	90%	62%	67%	82%	87%	87%	85%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	88%	90%	88%	91%	94%	94%	74%	72%	86%	90%	91%	88%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.17	0.13	0.15	0.09	0.06	0.08	0.42	0.44	0.26	0.20	0.12	0.22
LIKELY SNOWFALL	10.8"	8.5"	8.8"	2.2"	0.5"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.7"	4.9"	15.5"
SNOWY DAYS	16%	18%	15%	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	8%	15%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	3%	5%	11%	15%	48%	47%	22%	8%	2%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	5%	5%	4%	3%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	3%	6%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 78% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 71% in August, to a high of 87% in May. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -16°, and the highest should be near 96°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 4° cooler than actual ones. The cool summers on the Rim attract visitors from the state's cities in the desert. The area has numerous vacation homes, motels, lodges, resorts, dude ranches, cabins, restaurants and shops---both in the many communities along the Rim and at various points in between. There is gambling at the Apache casino at Hon Dah ("Welcome") below the Rim. This area is situated in one of the largest Ponderosa pine forests in the world. Combine that with the dramatic drop-off of the Rim, and you have scenery that photographers have used to fill the pages of *Arizona Highways* for generations.